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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

This concerns the proposed forbearance from the copper line sharing requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Most immediately, this will result in my losing my local internet provider that currently gives me service that costs ONE THIRD of what it would cost from AT&T or Verizon.

The idea that we now have "sufficient competition" is ridiculous. Competition between two or three mega providers is badly unfounded. A few mega providers, often offering only service bundled with all kinds of things I don't want or need is defect monopoly, especially since often only one can provide "last mile" transmission in a given area, which means complete monopoly.

Internet service in many parts of Europe, Australia, and New Zealand is often one half, even one third of what it is in the US. It is moves such as the proposed deregulation that are quickly taking the US towards second world status.

Yours,

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